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Inventors: Riser and DeNichilo

Title: METHODS FOR DETECTING,  
PREVENTING, AND TREATING RENAL  
DISORDERS BY MODULATING,  
REGULATING, AND INHIBITING  
CONNECTIVE TISSUE GROWTH FACTOR

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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated below.

At page 2, line 31, replace "Hans-Henrik" with -- Parving --.

At page 4, line 8, after "Kriz *et al.*," insert --(1990)--.